

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 39. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	66.2	74.4	67.0	60.5	63.2	66.4
• Passed 2 subtests	21.9	18.9	17.6	20.2	18.8	16.7
• Passed 1 subtest	6.8	5.4	12.3	11.9	11.3	10.4
• Passed no subtests	5.1	1.3	3.1	7.4	6.7	6.5

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	12.9%	16.9%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	13.3%	17.9%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	65.1%	47.3%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	93.9%	12.9%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	70.8%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	95.8%	14.4%	
Gender			
Male	91.7%	14.5%	
Female	95.5%	11.7%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	86.1%	4.5%	
Hispanic	100.0%	8.3%	
White	96.1%	17.8%	
Other	100.0%	15.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	91.1%	7.4%	
Pay for lunch	95.5%	15.8%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	68.1%
Completers placed	97.1%
Eligible students enrolled	67.0%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,137	N/A	\$5,302	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	93.9%	Up from 90.5%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	27.5 to 1	N/A	24.4 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,636)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	66.7%	N/A	34.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	99.9%	Up from 96.3%	95.0%	95.3%
• Retention rate	10.4%	Down from 12.8%	10.4%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=104)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.6 Days	Up from 7.1	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.3%	No change	95.6%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	51.9%	Up from 49.5%	46.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	84.6%	Down from 88.6%	79.3%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	1.0%	Up from 0.0%	2.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.6%	Down from 90.6%	85.4%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,646	Up 5.1%	\$37,487	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	2.1%	Down from 2.6%	3.5%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	67.5%	N/A	57.5%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	8.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	53.8%	N/A	61.2%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	12.7%	Down from 15.5%	9.9%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	14	N/A	32	29
• Gifted and talented	0.0%	N/A	6.7%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.3%	Up from 6.6%	10.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	6.6%	N/A	6.4%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	1096	N/A	404	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	59.1%	N/A	29.0%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Goose Creek High School is a comprehensive school located in lower Berkeley County, offering programs for college and career bound students. Programs are also available for students with mild to severe disabilities. Goose Creek High School is accredited by the State of South Carolina and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. We are presently under advised status from the Southern Association for inadequate seating in the media center. This problem is being corrected by the construction of a new media center, which should be completed in May of this school year.

The goals in our Southern Association and school renewal plans are to improve standardized test scores, promote thinking skills, increase technological opportunities, improve communication skills, develop life skills, and increase career awareness. Students are receiving more career information and opportunities, and technology is being used in all areas of the curriculum.

SAT scores have increased in the last two years. A SAT tutorial program is available to eleventh and twelfth grade students prior to testing dates. Exit exam scores have fluctuated over the past two years.

To improve our school curriculum, we have implemented several new courses, including Statistics CP and Statistics TP, Computer Programming, Desktop Publishing, Networking I, and Advanced Math Topics.

To assist students who do not meet standards on standardized tests, we offer several courses to address needed skills. English Essentials is offered to ninth and tenth graders who need help with vocabulary and reading comprehension. A stretch format is offered in Math I for Technology and in Algebra I, and Academics Learning is offered to eleventh and twelfth grade students.

We are excited about the future of Goose Creek High School. Construction has begun and we are looking forward to our new science wing, gym, media center and auditorium. We are working with our faculty to increase the number of advanced educational degrees and we plan to increase staff development in technology, writing across the curriculum, teaching strategies, and career awareness.

John Fulmer, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	91.4	75.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	98.3	77.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	91.4	87.8	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,636 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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